

TOPIC SNB Units in the Horni Slavkov and Jachymov Areas

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1. SNB unit in Horni Slavkov.

Prior to November 1951, an SNB unit in the strength of about 350 men wearing red service color was quartered in a new barracks installation south of Horni Slavkov (Schlaggenwald, N 51/P 68). This barracks installation which had no fence consisted of 12 three-story buildings about 40 meters long, including seven still being under construction. The buildings had very small rooms. One building was being equipped with a central switchboard and a radio station. The unit quartered there was equipped with submachine guns, rifles and light machine guns as well as a number of motor vehicles and performed guard duty at convict camps and uranium mines in the Horni Slavkov area.

SNB units in the area of Jachymov.

2. Prior to mid-November 1951, an SNB unit of about 75 men wearing red epaulets was quartered in the building of an inn which had a tower and a new wing and was located in a wooded valley about 2 km northeast of Jachymov (St. Joachimsthal, N 51/K 60). The unit was equipped with submachine guns and had 10 to 15 motorcycles, 2 sedans and 2 trucks. It was engaged in watching convict details. Its target range was near the quarters at a slope. Other SNB details were quartered in a school at the south end of the town and in buildings of an old factory north of the railroad station.

3. Prior to June 1951, about 200 SNB men wearing red service color and armed with submachine guns, were quartered in a yellow brick building and a wooden building at an unidentified place near Jachymov. Another SNB unit of about 150 men wearing red service color was quartered in the former Slavia hotel in Jachymov.

4. Source learned from an SNB man that more than 20,000 men were stationed in the Jachymov area. The SNB men were engaged in watching convicts and industrial plants as well as guarding the border.

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Source possibly saw elements of the SWS special units Jerab and Jestrab, which however, have not been confirmed. The organization and strength of the SWS units in the uraniur area are not definitely clear. In spite of the importance of the region, the total number of 20,000 men mentioned for the Jachymov area appears rather high.

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